

## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The Hamburg line is now represented by a lot of German traveling men.

The dropped 142 saloons in Illinois Tuesday. Danville was the largest city dry.

The cozen in a hearing at Washington stack of cars was the sole cause of the prices for coal.

Several members of Co. D. who have dependent relatives are to be mustered out of the service, under a late order.

Louisville food prices advanced again yesterday, flour now costing \$16 a barrel and sugar at nine pounds for \$1.

A Republican, who is the ranking member of military committee, is leading the president's fight for a selective draft the best he can.

Gen. Volissing, military governor of Beam, and the relentless persecutor of the Belgians, is dead and Gen. Zwehl has been named as his successor.

The lowhouse of the Florida legislature has a senate bill to prohibit shipment more than one quart of liquor a day to families in dry counties.

Somebody broke open the door of the Senate committee on Naval affairs Wednesday night and ransacked the room, spite of a heavy guard supposed to be on duty.

Gen. Je is to come to America and the per pronunciation of his name is to be "Zhaff-r," pronounced the syllable, with an almost silent "r" and with the "a" sounding the "a" in "all."

Men of military age who have married since declaration of a state of war with many, will not escape military duty under the war department's announcement this week. It is said that the press give this ruling the most publicity.

The Germans threw twelve new divisions, 26,000 men—against the French in the Soissons and Auberive Wednesday night. The Paris war office announces that they were unable to check the successful offensive of the French, who captured two machine batteries of the German artillery.

Gen. Bissling, the military governor who made himself so odious in Belgium, died Wednesday. One of the most infamous deeds was the execution of Miss Edith Cavell, an English nurse. Under his orders hundreds of Belgians were executed for breaking trivial rules laid down by him.

Judge did the proper thing in dismissing the grand jury at Murray that failed to indict the members of the recent mob and empaneling another for a special venire. The judge, a commonwealth's attorney, has personal knowledge of the flagrant and disgraceful violation of the law by the known men. If the law is to be respected, these men should be indicted and tried by a jury summoned from another county. In justice to jury that failed to indict, it should be stated that six of them voted to indict, according to a local paper.

As a patriotic move to assist in raising food products, Police Chief Luther Gam of Paducah, has publicly announced his permission for the people to kill chickens entering gardens and authorize the public to throw dead fowls back into the yards of owners. Numerous complaints of trespassing chickens have been received at the police station and Chief Gam said that this would be the way of stopping the chicken nuisance and helping those who desire to raise gardens. There is an ordinance against chickens running at large, but it has never been enforced.

## IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES

Marked the Raising of the New Flag Over the Elks Home.

ROBT. A. COOK ORATOR

Who Addressed a Crowd That Thronged Ninth Street.

Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock, the Elks raised the beautiful new flag over their home with elaborate ceremonies. The High School Orchestra furnished the music for the occasion and rendered several beautiful and patriotic selections. One of the features of the occasion was the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," by Mr. Oscar Wright.

A great crowd was present, filling Ninth street from Main to the I. C. depot. Hon. R. A. Cook delivered the address and in beautiful and eloquent words paid tribute to the flag of our country. He lauded the stand which we, as a country, have taken in defense of honor and justice.

After the address, Mr. E. D. Jones and Mr. C. F. Jarrett arose and made short talks. Mr. Jarrett said: "I take it as a very great honor that we two old 'Rebel' soldiers have the privilege of unfurling the flag of this Union. I fought four years against it, but I am willing to fight the rest of my life for it." He and Mr. Jones then pulled the rope, which bound the flag to the staff and the great new banner spread out to the breeze, scattering red and white reflections over the crowd assembled below.

As the flag gracefully fluttered out from the staff, Company D presented arms and the buglers blew the salute. The crowd then stood with bared heads and sang "America." The troops marched back to the armory and the crowd slowly scattered, but the spell of the occasion was over everybody and it will be many a day before the solemn ceremonies will be forgotten.

## WARNING TO FOOD GAMBLERS

Council of National Defense May Supervise Distribution of Food.

Washington, April 27.—Legislation empowering the Council of National Defense to supervise the distribution of food, and if necessary, fix the maximum and minimum prices, is being framed as one result of conference between Chicago meat packers and Secretary Houston.

The licensing of food distributing agencies so the government may trace any movements of the middle men or others to monopolize the supply or force the prices, is one feature of the plan the packers proposed.

## IN HOC.

Josh O'Brien, colored, was arrested by the police Monday on a charge of housebreaking, it being alleged that he forced a window in McCord Bros., grocery and took \$12 worth of meat. It is claimed that the meat was found at O'Brien's home. At his examining trial he was held over to the grand jury.

## Newspaper Plant Sold.

Elkton, Ky., April 20.—The plant and building of the Todd County Times here were sold under a decree of court in a suit for dissolution of partnership. They were purchased by E. L. Weathers, Sr., for \$3,350. George S. Weathers, son of the purchaser, will have editorial management of the paper. Publication of the paper was suspended about seven months ago and will resume at once.

## FIFE MEETING WARMING UP AT THE TABERNACLE

The Evangelist with Choir Director Arrived Wednesday Night—Preached His First Sermon Thursday Night to a Large Audience.



EVANGELIST CLYDE LEE FIFE.

Evangelist Clyde Lee Fife and his party arrived in Hopkinsville Wednesday night from Illinois, where they held a red hot campaign. The evangelist preached his first sermon here on Thursday night to about 2000 people. His first sermons have been earnest and powerful appeals to the people of God to get "on the job," and his sincerity is very real. People from all the surrounding counties are attending the meetings and some are coming even from neighboring states to hear the noted Kentucky evangelist, who is a native of Hardin county. His personality is very attractive and the people of God are with him from the start.

Mr. Earl H. Fife is the efficient chorus leader, and is getting the immense choir in tune to awaken the city as it has never been awakened before. He can do wonders with his choir and promises some of the best music that has ever been in Hopkinsville from our own people.

The other members of the party are, Fred H. Kuhn, advance man, who has been in Hopkinsville for

several weeks past preparing for the real campaign work; Robert S. Fife, director of the men's work and personal work; Mrs. Earl H. Fife, leader of the women's and girls' work; Sherman L. Lyons, Secretary and publicity manager. They are all musicians of extraordinary ability, and there is included in the party a male quartet, orchestra, and vocal and instrumental soloists. There is at each service a preliminary half hour program of songs and music.

Next week, beginning Tuesday morning, men's meetings will be held from 10 to 10:20 A. M., the first meeting being at Reynolds'.

## TODAY AND TOMORROW.

Saturday April 21, 7:30 P. M.  
"Defense of Revivals."  
Sunday, 10:30 A. M.,  
Sermon, "Good Tidings."  
Sunday, 3:00 P. M.,  
"The World's Refuge."  
Sunday, 7:30 P. M.,  
"The Divinity of Christ."  
Monday is rest day. No Services.

## BUSH ON HIS METTLE

One Grand Jury Refuses to Indict Mob Members and He Empanels Another.

Murray, Ky., April 20.—Although strongly charged by Judge Charles H. Bush to investigate the attempted intimidation of himself by a mob recently the grand jury which convened several days ago declined to return indictments against alleged members of the mob, after examining seventy witnesses.

Before dismissing the jury Judge Bush yesterday asked if it wished to make a statement, giving reasons for its refusal to indict. This the jury-men refused to do, that their decision might not prejudice some future grand jury.

The State thereupon filed a motion for the empaneling of another grand jury which will be convened at once for the purpose of investigating the mob incident which grew out of Judge Bush causing a negro, Lube Martin, to be spirited away from the city after his trial for the killing of Patrolman Guthrie Diuguid had been postponed.

## PLANS TO DRIVE ON PETROGRAD

Troops Being Massed On Dvinsk-Riga Front and Fleet Concentrated in Baltic.

Petrograd, April 20.—German preparations to attack the northern front, supported by a German fleet, reports of which appear to be well founded, bear out the war office warning recently issued that the enemy means to march on Petrograd. The preparations consist of the massing of troops on the Dvinsk-Riga front and the concentration of transports, warships and shallow draft ships in Baltic seaports. A portion of the German fleet is reported to have moved from Kiel to Libau.

It is regarded here as extremely probable that the plan is to cut off Petrograd from the active army. The German efforts to spread discontent in the Russian army have developed an ingenious device of loading shells with copies of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's reichstag speech of March 29, and firing them into the Russian lines.

Berlin officially denies that it has any submarines in the Western Atlantic.

## FIRING ON THE BORDER

American Sentry Fired Upon From Mexican Side, One Mexican Wounded.

El Paso, Texas, April 19.—Snipers who fired at an American sentry stationed at the viaduct in the suburbs of this city, were fired upon in return by a squad of United States soldiers late today. One Mexican was seen to fall after a volley had been fired across the border.

The sentry was patrolling his beat when two shots were fired from entrenchments on the Mexican side, according to official reports received at military headquarters. The sentry returned the fire and called the members of his squad. They fired more than twenty shots across the line.

When Mexican Consul Bravo reported the affair to Brig. General Bell, Jr., General Bell informed the consul that the American sentry had been fired upon and had obeyed orders in returning the fire.

"I have ordered the outposts to shoot to kill when fired upon," said General Bell later. "I will courtmartial a man who fires across the border first, and I also will courtmartial one who fails to return the fire when he is fired upon."

## TEN PERCENT RAISE OFF

Christian County's Assessment Is Left as It Was Turned In.

Judge Knight has been advised of the removal of the tentative increase of the ten per cent placed on farm lands and personally in Christian county by the State board of equalization. Judge Knight, County Attorney Ira D. Smith and Assessor W. J. McGee, recently went to Frankfort to enter protest and the board has left the assessment as it was. The assessor had added \$250,000 to the previous year's assessment and the additional increase would have been burdensome and the board were brought to see it in the proper light.

## NEARLY \$5,000

Worth of Horses Sold at Dr. Isbell's Sale.

The sale of horses bred by Dr. G. P. Isbell Wednesday, at the fair grounds, was successful and 47 head bringing \$4,880. The highest price was paid by John H. Williams, \$305. One sale for \$300 was made privately, C. Larkin, of Greenville, being the purchaser.

## DR. TRABUE WEDS.

Dr. Eugene McDowell Trabue, son of Mr. B. M. Trabue, of Pembroke, was married in Louisville Tuesday to Miss Rebecca Franklin Field, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Field. Dr. Trabue has received his commission as a surgeon in the U. S. army and this fact hurried up the wedding, which was to have been several weeks later. He will report for duty at Lexington.

## MRS. J. V. ROGERS.

Mrs. Della Ann Rogers, wife of J. V. Rogers, died at her home on the Johnson Mill road Wednesday, after a long illness. She was 40 years of age. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon and the interment was in a near-by burying ground.

## KUTTAWA HOME GUARDS.

Francis W. Utley is organizing a company of home guards and already about 52, out of the necessary 105, have enlisted their services.—Lyon Herald.

## FRENCH MAKE STEADY GAINS

Carry Mile and Quarter of Strong German Trenches Northwest of Auberive.

SEVERAL VILLAGES TAKEN

British Report Additional Progress Near Loos and Lens—Total Guns Taken 228.

Paris, April 20.—Steady gains by the French are reported in the official communication issued by the war office in the continuation of the drive against the southern end of the Hindenburg line.

The most important advance was made to the northwest of Auberive, where the French carried a strong system of German trenches over the extent of about a mile and a quarter. The text of the communication reads:

"Between the Somme and the Oise violent artillery actions were in progress.

"North of the Aisne, the enemy, under our energetic pressure, continued to withdraw in the direction of the Chemin des Dames. Our troops, in the course of the day, occupied the villages of Aisy, Jouy and Laffaux and kept in close contact with the enemy. Fort De Conde (northwest of Conde-Sur-Aisne) also fell into our power.

"In the region of Hurtebise, after a spirited engagement, we occupied a point of support north of that farm, taking five hundred prisoners and two cannons of 105 millimeters.

"West of Bermericourt we made an important advance and captured about fifty prisoners.

## GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED

"In Champagne the artillery action was continued furiously against the Massif of Moronvilliers. We enlarged our positions north of Monte Haut, and repulsed two German counterattacks in that region and on Mount Garnillet.

"Northwest of Auberive our troops brilliantly carried on a front of two kilometers a system of trenches strongly organized, joining this village with the Moronvilliers wood, and drove back the enemy to the southern outskirts of Vaudezincourt. One hundred and fifty prisoners were captured in the course of this action.

"In the Argonne, a German attempt against one of our trenches in the direction of Bolante was easily repulsed.

"Artillery fighting, at times quite spirited, took place in the region of Vauquois and on the left bank of the Meuse in the direction of Lemoet Homme."

Belgian communication:  
"There was a violent artillery duel before Dixmude today. Further to the south, in the direction of Steenstraete, lively bomb fighting occurred."

The official statement of the campaign in France as given out in Berlin this evening reads:

"Southeast of Arras the firing was livelier. The artillery duel was more intense on both sides of Craonne.

"French attacks occurred along the Aisne-Marne canal, the strongest being against Brimont, which failed.

"In Champagne our counterattacks compensated for the enemy's gain of terrain northwest of Auberive."

"We improved our position slightly south of Monchy-le-Preux," says the official report from British headquarters in France. "Today we further progressed east of Fampoux, and in the enemy's trenches southeast of Loos where we again captured prisoners.

"South of Lens an enemy bombing attack upon one of our advanced positions was successfully beaten off.

"The total number of guns captured to date is 228."

At Havana, Ill., where the Fire Brothers staid to help in a prohibition fight Tuesday, the wets won by 4 votes, but the dries have not given up.